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SURVEY OF AGRICULTURAL DATA FOR THE USSR, 17 - 28 FEBRUARY 1953

[Comment: This report presents information, from Soviet newspapers, on agriculture in 13 union republics of the USSR. Progress and statistical data are given on the following: sown area, crops, mechanization, fertilization, land improvement, and organization.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

Karelo-Finnish SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan for repair of tractors and agricultural machinery in MTS, IMS (meadow improvement stations), and sovkhoses of the republic:

Okrug	15 Feb (1)		20 Feb (2)			25 Feb (3)
	Tractors	Tractors	Plows	Seeders	Cultivators	Tractors
MTS and IMS						
Petrozavodskiy	62	66	63	74	46	68
Segezhskiy	56	57	50	56	26	58
Republic as whole	60	64	61	70	42	66
Sovkhoses of republic	60	62	63	77	58	65

Estonian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan for tractor repair in MTS of the republic:

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>15 Feb (4)</u>			<u>25 Feb (5)</u>		
	<u>All Repair</u>	<u>Capital Repair</u>	<u>Current Repair</u>	<u>All Repair</u>	<u>Capital Repair</u>	<u>Current Repair</u>
Pyarnuskaya	43	50	40	51	60	46
Tallinskaya	41	49	36	47	58	41
Tartuskaya	46	54	41	54	65	46

Lithuanian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan for tractor repair in MTS of the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>15 Feb (6)</u>	<u>25 Feb (7)</u>
Kaunasskaya	54.7	60.9
Klaypedskaya	44.5	51.8
Shyaulyayskaya	43.5	52.9
Vil'nyusskaya	49.2	57.3

Belorussian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for application of local fertilizers to kolkhoz fields of the republic as of 20 February (8):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Manure</u>	<u>Peat</u>	<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Manure</u>	<u>Peat</u>
Baranovichskaya	35.0	42.2	Mogilevskaya	8.0	2.3
Bobruyskaya	19.4	22.6	Molodechnenskaya	19.6	31.1
Brestskaya	37.0	20.4	Pinskaya	32.4	9.9
Gomel'skaya	14.8	17.1	Poleskaya	21.0	11.9
Grodenskaya	35.0	31.2	Polotskaya	14.7	10.8
Minskaya	19.4	15.2	Vitebskaya	9.8	2.0

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan for repair of tractors and combines in MTS of the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>15 Feb (9)</u>		<u>20 Feb (8)</u>	
	<u>Tractors</u>	<u>Combines</u>	<u>Tractors</u>	<u>Combines</u>
Baranovichskaya	57.6	12.1	64.2	12.1
Bobruyskaya	57.5	14.5	61.6	14.9
Brestskaya	57.8	9.3	63.7	10.5
Gomel'skaya	58.8	17.5	61.0	17.5

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>15 Feb (9)</u>		<u>20 Feb (8)</u>	
	<u>Tractors</u>	<u>Combines</u>	<u>Tractors</u>	<u>Combines</u>
Grodzenskaya	58.7	19.3	64.1	21.6
Minskaya	55.9	9.4	60.7	9.4
Mogilevskaya	50.8	7.5	53.2	7.6
Molodechnenskaya	57.8	6.1	61.8	6.1
Pinskaya	58.2	6.5	62.3	6.5
Polesskaya	54.4	9.4	58.7	10.3
Polotskaya	51.2	7.8	55.5	9.6
Vitebskaya	57.1	6.0	59.6	6.3

Ukrainian SSR

In 1952, the sown area in the republic increased; areas sown to winter wheat, buckwheat, sugar beets, cotton, and other industrial crops also increased; areas sown to perennial grasses, fodder root crops, and ensilage crops increased considerably.

Agricultural workers of the Ukraine achieved considerable successes in grain production, especially in the production of winter wheat.

Flax-growing kolkhozes of the republic grew a good flax crop. The republic fulfilled the plan for delivery of flax products to the state ahead of schedule.(10)

In 1937, kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic harvested 41.5 million more quintals of sugar beets than were harvested in all Tsarist Russia in 1913. In 1940, the area sown to sugar beets in the Ukraine was 50 percent greater than in 1913.

In 1952, kolkhozes of the republic exceeded the state plan for sowing of sugar beets and delivered to the state 25 million more quintals of beets than in 1940.

Kolkhozes of Odesskaya Oblast delivered to the state an average of 236 quintals of beets per hectare.(11)

Moldavian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan for repair of tractors and combines in MTS of the republic:

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	15 Feb (12)				20 Feb (13)				25 Feb (14)			
	Trac-	Includ-	Com-	Includ-	Trac-	Includ-	Com-	Includ-	Trac-	Includ-	Com-	Includ-
	tors	ing	bines	ing	tors	ing	bines	ing	tors	ing	bines	ing
		Capital		Capital		Capital		Capital		Capital		Capital
		Repair		Repair		Repair		Repair		Repair		Repair
Okrug												
Bel'tskiy	65.5	55.7	46.5	26.8	69.4	58.6	46.8	25.3	70.4	59.6	46.8	25.3
Kagul'skiy	64.7	57.8	37.3	27.3	69.6	61.2	38.3	27.3	71.5	62.8	39.0	29.2
Kishinevskiy	69.3	64.3	32.3	9.2	72.6	67.0	33.6	10.1	73.9	67.9	33.8	10.1
Tiraspol'skiy	72.4	60.5	29.8	10.2	77.7	65.7	29.8	10.2	78.2	66.6	30.1	10.2

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The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan for repair of agricultural machinery in the republic, as of 20 February (13):

<u>Okrug</u>	<u>Tractor-drawn, in MTS</u>			<u>Horse-drawn, in Kolkhozes</u>		
	<u>Plows</u>	<u>Seeders</u>	<u>Cultivators</u>	<u>Plows</u>	<u>Seeders</u>	<u>Cultivators</u>
Bel'tskiy	50.2	60.5	69.8	74.9	67.8	77.4
Kagul'skiy	67.0	70.5	58.2	77.2	82.3	63.9
Kishinevskiy	60.6	66.2	67.7	83.4	86.1	80.1
Tiraspol'skiy	72.0	72.0	63.7	70.0	71.0	51.8

In 1952, 76 of the 142 kolkhozes in Tiraspol'skiy Okrug had monetary incomes in excess of one million rubles each.(15)

Georgian SSR

In 1952, the area sown to wheat in kolkhozes of the republic increased by almost 45 percent as compared with 1940. Despite unfavorable weather conditions in 1952, the gross harvest considerably exceeded the 1940 harvest.

At the end of 1952, the area devoted to tea comprised more than 58,000 hectares, as compared with 4,000 hectares in 1940. The green-leaf tea harvest was 90 times as great in 1952 as in 1940. In 1952, the area devoted to citrus fruits reached almost 20,500 hectares.

In 1952, the number of tractors in the republic increased by 70 percent and the number of combines by 72 percent as compared with 1940.(16)

The grain growers of the republic sowed 79,000 more hectares of winter crops in the fall of 1952 than in the fall of 1951.(17)

Azerbaijani SSR

Sowing of perennial and annual grasses had begun in many kolkhozes and sovkhoses in the lowland portion of the republic by 27 February. The area sown to alfalfa, sainfoin, and Sudan grass is being expanded by almost 100,000 hectares.(18)

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Three mechanized grain elevators are under construction in Uryupinskiy Rayon, Stalingradskaya Oblast. They are to be completed by the time that the 1953 harvest is gathered.(19)

Kazakh SSR

In 1953, kolkhozes, sovkhoses, and MTS of Alma-Atinskaya, Dzhambul'skaya, and Tsel'nykh-Burganskaya oblasts have pledged to grow on the entire area sown to sugar beets in each oblast and to deliver to the state, not later than 5 November 1953, an average yield of 430 quintals of beets per hectare.(20)

In 1952, various agricultural operations in the republic were mechanized as follows: sowing of spring crops, 91 percent; plowing of summer fallow, 96 percent; harvesting of grain crops (with combines), 94 percent; plowing of winter fallow, 99 percent; sowing of winter crops, 95.5 percent; and hay making, 62.5 percent.

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In 1952, the volume of tractor work performed by MTS and MZHS (mechanized animal husbandry stations) in kolkhozes of the republic was 3.6 times as great as in 1945.(21)

Uzbek SSR

In 1953, kolkhozes, sovkhoses, and MTS of the republic have pledged to grow on the entire area sown to cotton in each oblast and deliver to the state the following average yields per hectare (22):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Yield (quintals)</u>	<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Yield (quintals)</u>
Andizhanskaya	29	Khorezmskaya	21
Bukharskaya	23	Namanganskaya	29
Ferganskaya	26	Samarkandskaya	23
Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR	21	Surkhan-Dar'inskaya	28
Kashka-Dar'inskaya	30	Tashkentskaya	27

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 - 1953 plans for various agricultural operations in Andizhanskaya and Tashkentskaya oblasts, as of 20 February (23):

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Andizhanskaya</u>	<u>Tashkentskaya</u>
Plowing for cotton	72.2	67.4
Application of mineral fertilizers prior to plowing	38.9	26.7
Haulage of local fertilizers	18.6	15.1
Leaching (desalinization) irrigation	63.6	88.8
Tractor repair	90.0	85.2
Agricultural machinery repair	71.0	56.8
Conversion to new system of irrigation (volume of earth work in 1953)	35.8	24.5

Tadzhik SSR

In 1952, five rayons and 83 kolkhozes of the republic failed to fulfill the plan for cotton procurement; some rayons, particularly in the Vakhsh River valley, had low yields; in 51 kolkhozes, the yield was below 20 quintals per hectare.(24)

Kirgiz SSR

In 1952, the republic exceeded the prewar cotton production level by 26.8 percent.(25)

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The 1952 plan for planting of vegetables in kolkhozes of the republic was fulfilled only 56 percent, that for planting of potatoes only 55 percent; the potato-planting plan was fulfilled 44 percent in Talasskaya Oblast and only 35 percent in Tyan'-Shan'skaya Oblast. (26)

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